

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of

Atty. Docket

JOHANNES H.M. SPRUIT ET AL

PHN 17,408

Serial No.

Group Art Unit

Filed: CONCURRENTLY

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METHOD AND DEVICE FOR RECORDING INFORMATION IN UNITS
Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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Claim 5. (amended) Device as claimed in claim 3 [or 4],
wherein the encoding means comprise synchronizing means (29)
for providing said at least one long mark (81) in the
synchronizing pattern (30) at a runlength longer than the
sum of the maximum runlength and the runlength of the link
mark (84).

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete in its entirety and replace with the
following: